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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a      continuation  
  X   divisional application under 37 CR 1.60, of pending  
prior application Serial No. 09/175,677 filed on October 20,  
1998

of Albert S. Thompson, III  
(inventors currently of record in prior appln.)

for METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REDUCING FUEL VAPOR EMISSIONS

1.   X   Enclosed is a copy of the prior application,  
including the oath or declaration as originally  
filed and as executed and filed on October 20,  
1998 and an affidavit or declaration verifying it  
as a true copy. (See 7 and 7a for drawing  
requirements.)
2.   X   The filing fee is calculated below:
- 2a.   X   Applicant claims small entity status,  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS  
CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
Total Claims	-20	8	x 18 =	\$355
Independent Claims	-03	1	x 80 =	\$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			x260 =	\$ 0
Total Filing Fee . . . . .				\$355.00

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:  
  X   deposited with the United States Postal Service, in an envelope addressed to  
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231  
  37 CFR 1.8a    
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3.    X     The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0852. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
4.    X     A check in the amount of \$355.00 is enclosed.
5.    X     Cancel in this application original Claims 1-9 and 18-20 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
6.    X     Change the title of the present divisional application to read: --AUTOMOTIVE EMISSION REDUCTION METHOD--.
7.    X     Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a continuation, X division, of application Serial No. 09/175,677, filed on October 20, 1998.--
8.    X     Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by person authorized by 1.138 and before payment of Base Issue Fee.)
- 8a.   \_\_\_     New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 8b.   \_\_\_     Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in USA (country) is claimed under 35 USC 119.  
  
      \_\_\_     The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ (country).
9.    \_\_\_     The prior application is assigned of record to:

10. X The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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- 10a. X The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

- 10b.      Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on in the prior application is enclosed.

- 10c. X Address all future communications to:

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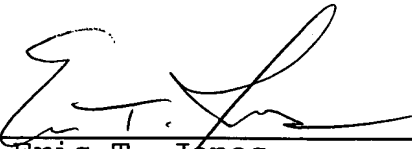
11.      A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

12. X I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/175,677 originally filed on October 20, 1998, and Executed Declaration filed October 20, 1998.

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The undersigned declare further all statements made herein of his or her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that theses statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

December 22, 2000  
Date

  
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